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Man Charged in La Porte Burglary

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Continuing a crackdown on burglaries, La Porte have arrested a second suspect this month.

Dustin Clarkson, 18, of La Porte was arrested late Monday, Feb. 21, after one resident of the Fairmont East subdivision reported seeing a man jumping over fences and another told police he had seen someone rummaging through his vehicle parked in the driveway.

While La Porte police canvassed that area shortly before midnight, Morgan's Point Police Chief Sherri Ditrich noticed a vehicle leaving a construction area along Spencer Highway as she was headed home. Ditrich followed the vehicle into the Spencer Landing subdivision and alerted La Porte police, who detained Clarkson. He was charged with burglary of a motor vehicle and theft of property valued at between \$50 and \$500.

Clarkson, who is free on \$1,500 bond, is due in court March 1 on the two misdemeanor charges.

On Feb. 10, La Porte police arrested 21-year-old Zachery Don Abels of La Porte on a charge of home burglary. Abels remains in jail on \$20,000 bond, pending a March 11 court date in the 176th State District Court.